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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a UTILITY patent application for filing as identified below:

**Inventor(s): SYLVAIN DOMINIQUE MASSET,
GARY WARREN MCCURDY AND RICHARD ALAN RUSKEY**

**Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING MOISTURE FROM A TEST
SAMPLE**

Drawings: Three (3) sheets depicting Figs. 1-8

Small Entity (Verified Statement Attached)

Basic Fee ----- \$ 385.00

 Claims over 20 x \$9.00----\$ Independent claims over
1 x \$43.00 ----- \$ 0 Multiple dependent claims
\$140.00-----\$**TOTAL FILING FEE** \$ 385.00

Other

Basic Fee ----- \$

 Claims over 20 x \$18.00----\$ Independent claims over
3 x \$86.00 ----- \$ 0 Multiple dependent claims
\$280.00-----\$**TOTAL FILING FEE** A check in the amount of \$385.00 is attached hereto to cover the filing fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 13-2759.

Respectfully submitted,

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